

OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

An environmental assessment (EA) has been prepared for the Enable Gas Transmission (EGT) Integrated Vegetation Management (IVM) Project. The project area is located on the Jessieville-Winona-Fourche and Caddo-Womble Ranger District and includes approximately 19.53 miles of pipeline rights-of-way maintenance. The proposed project is an activity implementing a land management plan and is subject to the pre-decisional objection process at 36 CFR 218 Subparts A and B. The EA is available on-line at:

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56811>.

Documentation is also available for review at the Ouachita National Forest Supervisors Office, Hot Springs, AR. Additional information can be obtained from: Chip Stokes at 870-867-2101 or Charles.Stokes@usda.gov.

The opportunity to comment ends 30 days following the date of publication of this legal notice in the Arkansas Democrat Gazette. Only those who submit timely and specific written comments per §218.2 regarding the proposed project or activity during a public comment period established by the responsible official are eligible to file an objection §218.24(b)(6). For issues to be raised in objections, they must be based on previously submitted specific written comments regarding the proposed project or activity and attributed to the objector. The publication date of this legal notice in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the time to submit written comments on a proposed project or activity. The time period for the opportunity to comment on a proposed project or activity to be documented with an environmental assessment shall not be extended. It is the responsibility of all individuals and organizations to ensure that their comments are received in a timely manner. Written comments must be submitted to: Troy Heithecker, Forest Supervisor, PO Box 1270, Hot Springs AR 71902 or fax to (501) 321-5353. The office business hours for those submitting hand-delivered comments are: 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Electronic comments must be submitted in a format such as an email message, plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), or Word (.doc, .docx) to SM.FS.R8ousocom@usda.gov. For objection eligibility, each individual or representative from each entity submitting timely and specific written comments regarding the proposed project or activity must either sign the comments or verify identity upon request §218.24(b)(8). Please state "Enable Gas Transmission IVM Project" in the subject line when providing electronic comments, or on the envelope when replying by mail.

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